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The DCI called me on this. Following a conversation with the DCI, Col. Lawrence instructed Leonard Smith to contact me. He did. The following meeting ensued.

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Television Documentary on Central America

1. Leonard Stewart Smith, a free-lance television producer and L. Francis Bouchey, Executive Vice-President of the Council for Inter-American Security, met with [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] and the undersigned [REDACTED] over lunch at the 25X1
Madison Hotel on 18 March to discuss production of a TV
documentary on Central America.

2. The meeting was instigated by a phone call from Col. Lawrence (USAF) of SOUTHCOM to the DCI. Lawrence and Smith met some time ago during a vacation and have communicated since on the Central American problem. Smith, as a free-lance TV producer, goes from job to job and is now between productions. He is clearly quite taken with the need to get the correct message on Central America to the American public and flew to Washington from California at his own expense to sell his idea, which is to do a two- to four-part series that builds up the interest as it progresses somewhat along the lines of the four-part series on U.S. defense capabilities that was aired several months ago.

3. Smith, who has produced a long list of TV programs, including three years of M.A.S.H. and the recent "Surrogate Mother" shown on CBS, is looking for financial backing for this project. For substantive backup research he has been steered (presumably by Col. Lawrence) to Lynn Bouchey, who can provide writers and in-area contacts to facilitate the work. Bouchey's Council would work on charitable grant (tax deductible) or "soft" funds, while Smith's production costs would be devoted to commercial ends, hence not covered by tax deductible funds. The objective of the two of them is to get the active support of high administration officials to encourage private investors to provide about \$800,000. Specifically they are hoping that the DCI will raise the matter with Judge Clark or take other appropriate action to bring this about. Smith has been in touch with Deputy Assistant Secretary Bosworth, who promised to get back to them in 24 hours with indication of the degree of interest in State in helping the project along. The 24 hours had not run as of the time of the luncheon.

4. Smith and Bouchey were told that the Agency cannot financially support or otherwise assist in the production of the television programs intended for the American public, but that the DCI or other high officials could certainly lend a hand. P-309

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private capacity if they so wish. They reiterated that this is exactly what they hope for, and that official funds of an overt nature would detract from the product's capability.

5. Smith and Bouchey were assured that their proposition would be conveyed to the DCI. Smith is an intelligence, articulate person who believes a documentary statement of the truth in the Central America affair will do much to combat what he calls [REDACTED] He would intend to work mostly with videotape already in stock, supplementing only occasionally with new material (which accounts for the low production cost).

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[REDACTED] In sum, the effort is eminently worthwhile, but it has a long way to go. Smith and Bouchey are both anxious to move ahead quickly. Smith who is receiving no salary in the interim, may be available for only a short while before other assignments are offered him.

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